

## The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1903.

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## PERSONAL.

Mr. Herbert Moses of Columbia is in the city.

Mr. McDonald Furman spent Saturday in town.

Mr. W. O. Cain, of Privateer spent Saturday in town.

Mrs. H. W. Hood is at Pawleys' Island for two weeks.

Mr. J. F. Glenn has gone to Yorkville for two weeks.

Mrs. John T. Green is spending sometime at Wisacky.

Mr. J. E. Mayes, of Mayesville was in the city yesterday.

Mr. George McCutchen of Wisacky spent yesterday in town.

Mr. Jos. D. Joye returned Friday night from Saluda, N. C.

Mrs. D. F. Harris, of Florence, is visiting Mrs. B. C. Wallace.

Mr. R. Sumter Williams has gone to McConellsville on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wright have returned from Halcynodale, Ga.

Mrs. H. W. Lucius and children went to Saluda, N. C., last Friday.

Mr. G. A. Lemmon returned from Hendersonville, N. C., Saturday.

Mrs. M. B. Randle has returned from a month's stay at Glenn Springs.

Mr. M. H. Beck left on Sunday for the north to buy goods for Beck Bros.

Mrs. J. E. Jervy has gone to Winston, N. C., to visit Mrs. J. H. Fletcher.

Master Milton Weil, of Savannah, Ga., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Abe Ryttenberg.

Mr. T. D. Chandler who has been quite sick for several weeks is able to be out again.

Mr. Geo. L. Ricker left Sunday night for New Sharon Maine, to stay until September 1st.

D. L. Shaw of St. Charles has been appointed a member of the board of control of Lee county.

Mrs. Ellis Green left a few days ago for New York where she will spend sometime with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McGrew and children went to Wilmington, N. C., on Saturday, returning Tuesday.

Mr. Isaac Schwartz has gone to New York to buy the fall stock for Schwartz Bros. He was accompanied by his son, Ray.

Mr. W. C. Chandler, of this city has been elected Vice President of the South Carolina Funeral Directors' Association.

Mr. T. B. Jenkins has returned from Cleveland Springs. His health was decidedly improved by his stay at the springs.

Miss Grace Randle has been notified by President Johnson of Winthrop College that she has been awarded the four year scholarship from Sumter county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mason and little son James Hoyt, of Augusta, Ga., arrived in the city Wednesday on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Mason.

Mr. Willie Bultman sailed Wednesday from Charleston via Clyde Line Steamer for Boston, and will spend several days visiting the large shoe manufacturers of the North.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Wells left Monday afternoon for New York, Niagara and Washington. Mr. Wells will purchase the fall and winter goods for the Orangeburg Dry Goods Company while at New York.

Miss Reta Kean, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting Miss Daisy Scott, returned to Mayesville Wednesday to visit the family of Mr. Willie Wilson. Miss Kean has many admirers in the city who regret that she made such a short stay here.

Magistrate R. C. Folk, of Providence left Tuesday evening to visit relatives in Virginia, and Baltimore, Md. He will be absent from home about two weeks, and in the mean time Magistrate William J. Rees, of Stateburg will attend to his official duties.

Dr. Frank K. Holman of Philadelphia is in the city on a visit.

Miss Esther Dick left today for Brevard, N. C.

Mr. J. R. Mayes, of Mayesville, went to Hendersonville, N. C., this morning.

Mr. R. A. Dixon, who for the past five years has been employed with Mr. John Fitzmaurice, has resigned his position, to accept a similar one with Schwartz Bros. of Sumter.—The State.

Mr. D. J. Chandler has gone to New York to purchase his stock of fall and winter clothing.

Messrs. G. A. Lemmon and J. L. Haynsworth of the Sumter Dry Goods Co., leave for New York this evening.

Mr. J. Frank Pate went to Fletcher's N. C., this morning.

Mr. W. S. Jones left this morning for Old Point Comfort, Va., to attend the annual meeting of the Agents of the Equitable Life Insurance Co. From Old Point he will go to New York to spend several days.

Mr. George D. Shore went to Brevard, N. C., this morning. He will spend two weeks there with his family who are summering at Brevard.

Mr. W. V. Caution went to Glenn Springs this morning.

Mr. W. P. Friar, of Florence was in the city today.

Judge J. H. Hudson of Bennettsville, who will be one of the counsel in the defense of Spain Kelley, has been in the city for several days.

Ticket Agent China sold thirty-five tickets for the mountain excursion this morning.

## DEATH.

The Pinewood correspondent of the Manning Times in the issue of Aug. 12, makes the following notice of the death of Mr. Charley Barwick who formerly lived in this city and was for some time in the police force:

Mr. C. P. Barwick, one of our merchants and best citizens, passed away last Thursday night about 2 o'clock, after a long spell of illness. The remains were laid to rest at the family burying ground near his father, Mr. J. M. Barwick's old homestead. A large crowd of friends and relatives, to pay their last tribute of respect, accompanied the remains to its final resting place. Mr. Barwick leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss.

## Birthday Party.

Last Thursday evening at the home of J. W. DuRant, 403 W. Hampton avenue, occurred a very pleasant party, the event being in honor of Miss Louise's birthday. She received many pretty presents as remembrances from her friends.

The evening was spent in music and games. Among these was a contest in which the prize was won by Louise Vogel, while Van Cleve Parrott captured the booty.

Dainty refreshments were served, after which the guests departed wishing the hostess many happy returns of the day.

Those present were: Miss Aubrey Villeneuve, of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Bruce Lynam, Miss Erminie Lachicotte, of Columbia; Mr. John Lee, Mrs. A. J. China, Mrs. Kingman, Mrs. E. W. Vogel, Mr. E. W. Vogel, Miss Lucile Kingman, Mr. David McCallum, Miss Olga Britton, Mr. Joe Epperson, Miss Mabel Welsh, Mr. Robert Warren, Miss Alma Campbell, Mr. Van Cleve Parrott, Miss Marie Brown, Mr. Clarence Lowrey, Miss Cornelia Kingman, Mr. George Warren, Miss Clyde DuRant, Mr. Lonnie Vogel.

## A Novel Entertainment.

Misses Camilla Kilgore and Katie Pierson, entertained a number of their friends quite pleasantly, at the home of the former on South Sumter street, Wednesday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Below is given the program of the evening, which was beautifully rendered by each participant.

1. Instrumental Solo, by Miss Camilla Kilgore.

2. Recitation, "The Broken Dish," by Little Miss Nell Gregory and Master Morgan Lowry.

3. Tableau, "Faith, Hope and Charity," by Misses Nell Gregory, Kitty Stubbs and Master Morgan Lowry.

4. Recitation, "Busy Little Fingers," by Little Miss Kitty Stubbs.

5. Reading, "The Chase," by Miss Camilla Kilgore.

6. Recitation, "Learning to Knit" by Misses Nell Gregory, Kitty Stubbs and Mr. Morgan Lowry.

7. A Song, "Evening Bells," by Misses Camilla Kilgore and Sarah Richardson.

8. Reading, "Papa's Letter," by Miss Katie Pierson.

9. Tableau, "Nearer to the Cross I Cling," by Misses Camilla Kilgore, Katie Pierson, Nell Gregory, Sarah Richardson and Kitty Stubbs.

An extra performance, and one that was exceedingly enjoyed by all, was "A Jig," by Little Mr. Cooney Gregory.

10. Recitation, "The faults of others," by Mr. May Gregory and Louis Pierson.

The program was concluded with a recitation, "The old Negro's prayer," by Mrs. Sydney Stubbs, and a number of beautiful magic lantern scenes.

A most interesting feature of the occasion, was the extreme youth of each child who participated (not many of them being 12 years of age) and a number below five, and the bright, accurate way in which they performed the parts assigned to them, sweet smiles playing over their lovely little faces all the while. Each act was loudly applauded by the audience, and every one went home highly pleased with their evenings enjoyment.

A Spectator.

## Health Officer Reardon Visits Darlington.

At the request of Dr. C. P. Osteen, Health Officer Reardon spent Thursday in Darlington for the purpose of disinfecting several rooms where there have been cases of diphtheria, and to show the Darlington health officer what steps to take to control contagious diseases and how to disinfect infected places.

Health Officer Douglas, of Darlington was much interested and an apt pupil and readily caught on to the process. There are several cases of diphtheria in Darlington, but the cases are under strict quarantine, and the Board of Health and City Council are doing the right thing to stamp out the disease.

Health Officer Reardon was requested to disinfect several other residences, but the Sumter Health Officer could not remain to do so.

Mr. Reardon was much pleased with the city of Darlington and its people and thinks that city a clean, delightful place to live in.

They need, however, to pay more attention to the disinfecting after infectious and contagious diseases, and this was why Mr. Reardon was asked to go over and show how the work should be done. It is said that his visit will result in better disinfecting hereafter.

The crowd on the excursion trains this morning did not appear to be as large as in previous years. The first section in charge of Conductor Webb had five coaches well filled, but the second section, which was composed of five coaches also, was not at all crowded. In fact two of the coaches had but few people in them when the train left the station.

Supervisor Seale has not abandoned his purpose to improve the Stateburg road near Mr. Bob Edens' place, but will take up that work as soon as the work on Main street is finished. Mr. Edens' offer to pay \$100 toward the work on the Stateburg road holds good until November and he has no idea of withdrawing it.

## THREE KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Negro Woman and Two Children Instantly Killed and a Baby Severely Injured.

Sarah Polite, colored, and two children who lived on Mr. S. S. Davis' place, seven miles southeast of this city, were killed by lightning about 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The accident happened just as the storm came up and the woman was in the act of closing a window when she was struck. The children, two boys, were standing nearby and they were also instantly killed. A baby, which the woman was holding in her arms, was seriously injured and may die. It was thrown across the room by the force of the electric current and when picked up, was unconscious.

Coroner Flowers was notified of the accident, but as there was no doubt concerning the cause of the death of the woman and children he decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

## KNOCKED OUT WITH A BRICK.

Country Negroes Fight With Serious Results.

Mose Crosson and Dick Brown two country negroes got into a difficulty in the alley in rear of Walker's store Saturday night in which Crosson was seriously injured. He was struck on the head by Brown with a brick. Crosson and Brown had had a row a few minutes before, and Crosson went to Policeman Sam Weeks and made complaint against Brown and Dick Gayle. Officer Weeks told Crosson to go about his business and he would see that he was not interfered with. Crosson went back into the alley and Mr. Weeks followed him. As he entered the alley he found Crosson cursing Dick Gayle. He arrested both and started out of the alley with them. Just then Brown ran up and let drive at Crosson with a brick. He was hit on the head and was knocked senseless. Crosson was taken to a physician and his wound dressed. Brown escaped and has not yet been captured.

Gayle was before the Mayor's court Monday charged with disorderly conduct, but there being no evidence to show that he was guilty he was discharged. Crosson was too badly injured to be present for trial.

## THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

No Sinecure is that of Health Officer at the Present Day.

(By F. Prescott-Bullock.)

Hu! 'pears to me dat Healf offish mighty 'ficious and got a heap o' imprudence walkin' inter my house an' tellin' me what I got to do 'bout de slops, an' keepin' de yard clean. Specs' dis yere place as clean as his is now."

While expressed in rather a crude manner, the above from the lips of an old colored woman, voices the feeling of many a person who is ignorant of the vital sanitary importance attached to the periodical visit of the health officer to their premises.

It is safe to say that no other class of public officials, whose objects are for the welfare of the citizen, are subject to as much vituperation and enmity as that of the health officer or sanitary police. And this feeling of antagonism is not alone confined to the illiterate, but will be found among the most enlightened people, as many of these imagine that a visit of this kind to their premises is a gratuitous insult either on the part of the officer himself, or instigated by the erroneous report of a neighbor who takes this plan to revenge some fancied or actual grievance. And in many instances this last mentioned idea has more truth than imagination behind it, for it is no uncommon occurrence for a health officer to have a complaint filed about the unsanitary condition of a certain premises, and upon an investigation being made discover that the entire place is in a far cleaner, healthier state, than that of the one entering the complaint.

The position of health or sanitary officer in any community, is no sinecure, but one, if conducted and filled according to the letter of the law, of extreme hard labor every hour of the day, and often times, when there are epidemics of contagious diseases, throughout many hours of the night; and his administration of office should be aided in every way possible, not only by the authorities of the city, but by every fair minded citizen, for in a great measure the health and lives of everyone are entrusted to his care and zeal.

In these days of rapid advancement in all scientific matters, the important subjects of prevention and cure of infectious and contagious diseases are receiving more and more attention, and ere long the minutest microbe, will have to be an early bird, that escapes the net of the bacteriologist.

But sanitary science backed by all the health officers obtainable, will be useless, unless assisted and strengthened by the actions of the administrative officers and the public spirited citizens of the community. A perfect system of drainage, an ample supply of pure water, a sewerage system if possible, streets kept clean of rank weeds, garbage barrels regularly emptied, impure milk, diseased meats and rotting vegetables condemned, all these would go far toward promoting health in a community. Then in addition let the sanitary officer be unrestricted in his duties pertaining to the care of infectious and contagious diseases, disinfections, fumigations, isolations, the cleanliness of private premises, the abolition of all nuisances, and the most important part in the prevention of disease is provided for.

The ice cream festival, which was to be given by the Second Regiment Band this evening has been postponed until next Wednesday evening on account of the weather.

The improvement of Main street from the present terminus of the macadam pavement to the county line near Cowpen Swamp is assured. The city council ordered the work within the city commenced on Monday, and Supervisor Seale will begin work with the chain gang at Mile Branch on the same day. This improvement means a great deal to Sumter, and it will be the best of object lessons in good road building under the most unfavorable natural conditions.

## LOCAL NEWS PARAPHRASED.

If you hear an item of news send it to this office—news is always welcome.

There was a very enjoyable dance at the Club rooms last Wednesday night.

Sumter needs a good road over which teams can haul loads from the city limits to Bossards.

Street tax collections this year approximate \$1600, and there are still a few delinquents to be run in.

The addition to the Sumter Telephone Mfg. Co's. factory will be completed by early fall.

The frequent rains recently are causing uneasiness among farmers, for excessive rainfall now will seriously injure the cotton crop.

Capt. A. P. Vinson is canvassing Sumter township for signatures to the petition against the establishment of the second dispensary.

The petition against the establishment of the second dispensary is being quite generally signed and there is now some doubt about its establishment.

The clay and gravel that is being removed from East Liberty street, where macadam is to be laid, is being put down on Harvin street between Bartlett and Liberty.

Sumter county will never have a complete system of good roads until we cease relying upon the chain gang to do all the work of construction and maintenance.

One of Col. D. P. Duncan's daughters was bitten by a rattlesnake at Saluda, N. C., last week and was seriously ill for several days, but has now almost entirely recovered.

Ex-Railroad Commissioner H. R. Thomas has made a date to appear before the Railroad Commission to protest against excessive and discriminative rates on cord wood and stove bolts.

The latest improvement in automobile circles is the substitution of one horse and one mule as motive power. The speed developed is not excessive, but the power is very reliable.

If the plans of the School Board materialize the High School building will be completed February 1st. It is expected that the contract for the building will be executed with an Atlanta firm within a few days.

A number of people who took dinner at the hotel in Camden Thursday were made ill by eating ice-cream. Among the number were two of Mr. E. C. Haynsworth's children. They were quite sick for several hours, but were better next day.

The chain gang is at work on North Main street. The gang began work Monday at Mile branch and will work toward the Court House. A clay roadway will be put down and it is expected to be fully the equal of Broad street in all respects.

The fall session of the Graded Schools begins on Monday September 14th. Pupils who desire to be admitted to the school will be examined by Superintendent Edmunds at his office on Thursday and Friday September 10th and 11th.

Thomas Dixon's new book, "The One Woman," for sale at Osteen's Book Store. This new novel is the sensation of the hour and is destined to be more widely read and discussed than "The Leopard's Spot."

The municipal election is a long way off, but there is already more or less discussion of probable and prospective candidates. The sewerage question is certain to be an issue in the campaign.

J. Ryttenberg & Sons announce a big display of fall and winter suitings by the well known tailoring house of Kahn-Feinberg Co., of New York, at their store on August 25th and 26th. Those who appreciate fine clothing and perfect fits should see the display.

The vagrants who cumber this city could be made to do honest and useful labor on the public highways if they were arrested and sentenced to the chain gang. Their services are especially needed just now and Supervisor Seale could make use of fifty or more on North Main street.

The line of attractions booked by Manager Ryttenberg for the approaching theatrical season is undoubtedly the strongest and highest class that has ever been engaged for the Opera House and the theatre goers of Sumter have much to look forward to.

A straight unbroken turnpike—partly macadam and partly sand and clay—from the A. C. L. depot to the county line near Bossards, will be a great thing for Sumter and it cannot be completed too soon.

Dr. Cooke will take the place of Prof. Clinkscales in the Sumter District Educational campaign and will fill all the engagements made for him. Prof. Clinkscales is too unwell to fill his engagements. Dr. Cooke is one of the foremost educators in the State and will do good work for the cause of education.

There will be little talk next spring of increasing the tobacco acreage. Some farmers are wishing now that they had less tobacco and more cotton and corn. The trust's prices for leaf tobacco leaves no profit in tobacco growing for the farmers and many of them will quit growing it entirely until prices improve.

The city and county, of Mayesville, who was convicted at the last term of court of assault and battery on the person of Kershaw McLeod and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, has had his sentence commuted to \$25, which has been paid. The case was appealed and when the appeal was dismissed a few days ago, Truitt appeared before Clerk of Court Parrott, presented his commutation and paid his fine.

The old Coghlan house on North Main street which has been occupied in recent years by Mr. J. A. Whittemore, has been moved. It is one of the oldest houses in the city—a regular old landmark—and its removal is another evidence of the growth and progress of the city. The corner lot has been bought by the Episcopal church, with the intent to erect a new brick church. A part of the house stood upon ground bought by the church, and that necessitated its removal.

## Caleb Powers on Trial.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 17.—Caleb Powers took the witness stand in his own defence today. He told the story he has repeated on the stand on each of his preceding trials, but denied the story told by Frank Cecil, of Bell County, that he was seeking someone to enact the role of assassin.

Powers denied that he had any motive in bringing the mountain army to Frankfort other than to show the Democratic majority of the General Assembly the intense feeling of the Republican voters of the State, and said it had nothing whatever to do with the Goebel murder. It is evident that Powers' defence this time will be that Henry Yontsey fired the shot that killed William Goebel.

Robert Noakes, a State witness, said that at one time Charles Finley, former Secretary of State, said to him that the best way to settle the contest was to pay James Howard \$2,000 to kill Goebel. The witness said arrangements had been made to kill Goebel on January 25, 1900, but they then miscarried.

## Montana Mob Law.

Butte, Mont., August 17.—Walter Jackson, who is in jail at Hamilton, charged with the murder of the six-year-old boy known as Buck, is reported in imminent danger of being lynched. The sheriff has barricaded the jail and the crowds talk of cutting the wires to prevent him from communicating with the Governor. Hundreds of ranchers, aroused to fury by the nature of Jackson's alleged crime, poured into Stevensville, the boys' home, and Hamilton during the day. The jail is heavily guarded and the sheriff has declared he will resist to the last. It is believed that the only thing that has thus far prevented mob violence is the request of the murdered boy's parents that the law be allowed to take its course.

## Tramps Stole Bridegroom.

Olivet, Mich., Aug. 15.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Alexander Franz two days ago has been cleared up by the return of Franz himself. Franz was to have married Miss Winnifred Patten last Wednesday night, but at the appointed time he failed to appear.

He says that he was robbed while on his way from the station to Olivet and taken captive by five tramps. They took him about five miles and loaded him into a box car bound for Goshen, Ind. From there he succeeded in sending a card to friends. Before aid came, however, he escaped his captor and started for home. Although he arrived a week late for his marriage, it is announced that it will take place soon.

When the great Episcopal cathedral of St. John the Divine, in New York, was projected, about twelve years ago, the promoters did not fix any definite date for its completion. It is to cost about \$55,000,000 and is to rank with St. Peter's at Rome, both in size and architectural splendor. Although work has been going on steadily for the last five years, only one of the four great arches that are to support the central dome is completed, and the contractors say that the whole structure may be finished in another half century.

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